

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) An oil based homogenous liquid agricultural composition comprising

(a) at least one oil, and

(b) a natural gum ~~and~~

~~(c) a pesticide or a fertilizer~~

with the proviso that there is no added water present in the composition and said oil is present in the composition in an amount greater than said water and said composition is combined with a pesticide.

43. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 42, wherein said natural gum is a non-derivatized guar gum, cationic guar gum, non-cationic guar gum or mixtures thereof.

44. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 43, wherein said oil is mineral oil or paraffinic petroleum.

45. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 44, which further comprises an oil thickener which is silicon based.

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52. (Currently amended) A homogenous liquid composition comprising
- a) at least one oil and
 - b) a natural gum is a non-derivatized guar gum, cationic guar gum, non-cationic guar gum or mixtures thereof and
- with the proviso that there is less than 10% water present in the composition and the liquid composition is combined with a pesticide ~~or a fertilizer~~.
53. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 52, wherein said oil is mineral oil or paraffinic petroleum.
54. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 52, which further comprises an oil thickener which is silicon based.
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56. (Currently amended) A homogenous liquid agricultural composition comprising
- a) at least one oil, and
 - b) a natural gum ~~and~~
 - e) ~~a pesticide or a fertilizer,~~
- with the proviso that there is less than 10% water present in the composition and said oil is an alkylated fatty acid ester, hydrocarbon oil, alkylated natural oil, fatty acid, polybutene or epoxified seed oil and said composition is combined with a pesticide.
57. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 56 wherein said oil is methylated C6-19 fatty acids, methylated tall oil fatty acids, methylated oleic acid,

methyated linoleic acid, methyated linolenic acid, methyated stearic acid, methyated palmitic acid, blends of the methyated acids, ethyated C6-19 fatty acids, ethyated tall oil fatty acids, ethyated oleic acid, ethyated linoleic acid, ethyated linolenic acid, ethyated stearic acid, ethyated palmitic acid, blends of the ethyated acid, butyated C6-19 fatty acids, butyated tall oil fatty acids, butyated oleic acid, butyated linoleic acid, butyated linolenic acid, butyated stearic acid, butyated palmitic acid, blends of the butyated acids, fatty acid, polybutene or hydrocarbon oil.

58. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 57, wherein said natural gum is a non-derivatized guar gum, cationic guar gum, non-cationic guar gum or mixtures thereof.

59. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 57, wherein said oil is mineral oil or paraffinic petroleum.

60. (Previously presented) The composition as claimed in claim 57, which further comprises an oil thickener which is silicon based.

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67. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 42, ~~claim 46~~, wherein said pesticide is a herbicide, an insecticide, a fungicide, a bactericide or a rodenticide.

68. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 52, ~~claim 55~~, wherein said pesticide is a herbicide, an insecticide, a fungicide, a bactericide or a rodenticide.

69. (Currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 56, ~~claim 66~~, wherein said pesticide is a herbicide, an insecticide, a fungicide, a bactericide or a rodenticide.

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74. (Currently amended) A method of delivery the benefits of natural gum in liquid oil based compositions which comprises spraying a plant with the composition as claimed in claim 42 ~~claim 46~~.